



# Minority Teaching Fellows Program

*Are you a Minority Student Considering a Career in Teaching?*

**To Be Eligible For This \$5,000 Scholarship, An Applicant Must:**



- Be a minority Tennessee resident and a U.S. Citizen
- Be a high school senior who achieves at least a 2.75 high school cumulative grade point average and scores a minimum composite score of 18 on the ACT or 860 SAT (math and critical reading only) **OR**
- Be a continuing college student who achieves at least a 2.5 college cumulative grade point average
- Be enrolled full-time
- Not be a licensed teacher

## IN ADDITION:

## TO **APPLY** A STUDENT MUST:

- Complete an online application located on the TSAC Student Financial Aid Portal @ <http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/article/tsac-student-portal>
- Submit a 250 word essay detailing "Why I Chose Teaching as a Profession," and
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a school official and a letter of recommendation from a community member, and
- Submit a list detailing involvement in extracurricular activities

### *High School Students*

- Submit an official high school transcript with official ACT/SAT scores

### *Continuing College Students*

- Submit an official college transcript

**TSAC must receive completed applications by April 15 for consideration.**

Online applications for the Minority Teaching Scholars Program will be available January 1 On The TSAC Financial Aid Portal.

**SERVICE OBLIGATION:** Students selected for the program are required to sign a promissory note and in doing so incur an obligation to teach PreK-12 in a Tennessee public school one year for each year the award is received. Recipients must be employed as a full-time teacher to fulfill the service obligation associated with the program. Recipients, who do not meet this obligation, must repay the award to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) at 9% interest which begins accruing from the date of withdrawal from the teacher education program or September 1 following graduation.



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For more information contact TSAC at 1-800-342-1663, or at [www.tn.gov/collegepays](http://www.tn.gov/collegepays)